

PATENT

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-14, 17, 18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for falling to enable a person having ordinary skill in the art to make and use the invention without undue experimentation.

The Applicants believe that the enclosed declaration should be helpful in assisting the Examiner with removing this only remaining rejection.

The Applicants, as well as the declarant, believe that when the entire application is read by a person skilled in the art, the claimed invention is enabled. More specifically, the Applicants believe that the notion of a change package being a collection of changes being made for the same purpose, is well known in the art. Likewise, the Applicants believe that the step of calculating a difference is sufficiently described to convey the general notion to the reader, so that they could calculate such a difference. In light of the level of skill in the art and the high amount of understanding imparted to a person skilled in the art who reads the present application, the Applicants believe that the invention is clearly enabled.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful examination of the application and believe that it is in condition for allowance, and early notification of the same would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Gregory T. Young, am a software engineer and I am employed at Rockwell Collins Inc.. I have a bachelors degree in Computer Science from the University of Iowa awarded in December, 1989. Since graduating from college I have worked at MCI and Rockwell Collins. During my years of work I have had experience in working with and designing software which includes object oriented programming. I also have had considerable experience in working with software and/or hardware development projects that utilize configuration management.

I have reviewed the above reference patent application and I feel that I am a person who possesses ordinary skill in the art as it relates to this invention.

I believe that based upon my knowledge and the information disclosed in the patent application, I could make and use the invention claimed in the application without any need for undue experimentation. I recognize that a considerable amount of effort would be required to make and use the invention but that effort would be straightforward application of known software design techniques and would not require any undue experimentation.

More specifically, I believe that I understand what the applicants are referring to when they say that: "a "change package" is a collection of changes made for the same purpose." This use of "change package" is not unusual and would not be difficult for a person having ordinary skill in the art to understand.

The application discusses "calculating the difference between A1 and A2.CP2.1." Based upon my review of the entire above referenced patent application, I would conclude that it would be a straightforward comparison by introspection. No additional information would be required for me to understand how to calculate such a difference.

I am an employee of Rockwell Collins, Inc. but I am not a subordinate of Rex O. Albers, Duane Corpe or Leonard Hoffman. I am not under any order, command or instructions by my superiors to make this affidavit.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Date